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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: UNHCR

SUBJECT: UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 238255; (B) GENEVA 7401; (C) GENEVA 7439

1. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UNHCR SECRETARIAT THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER FULLY INTENDS TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF BOAT CASES IN HIS INTRODUCTION OF AGENDA ITEM 3. THUS THERE APPEARS NO NEED FOR OUR URGING THAT HE TAKE INITIATIVE ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER, AS SUGGESTED REF B, HE WILL SINGLE OUT PARTICULAR NATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR COMMENDATION FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. IF NOT, AND SHOULD SUCH AN APPROACH BE CONSIDERED DESIRABLE, APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2. AT TIME REF B WAS WRITTEN, LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES ACCEPTED DE FACTO BY MALAYSIA APPEARED TO JUSTIFY ITS "POSSIBLE" INCLUSION AMONG NATIONS FOR COMMENDATION. HOWEVER, MISSION CONCURS THAT,
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IN LIGHT OF GOM'S OFFICIAL ACTIONS SINCE, SUCH

RECOGNITION NOT WARRANTED.

3. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH HOSTMARK, REF C,
AND WITH UNHCR SECRETARIAT ASSCHER, CAST SOME
DOUBT AS TO WHETHER AMBASSADOR DAVIS WOULD ACCEPT
CHAIR. ASSCHER SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT DAVIS IS
PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN QUESTIONING EXTENT OF
UNHCR'S INVOLVEMENT IN SPECIAL, AS OPPOSED TO
REGULAR, PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND CHAIRMANSHIP MIGHT HINDER HIS PROBE.
MISSION WILL PURSUE SUBJECT AND KEEP YOU POSTED. (AS FOREGOING BEING
PREPARED, WE LEARNED QUESTION BEING PUT TO DAVIS BY UKDEL. WE
HAVE NOTIFIED LATTER OF OUR FULL SUPPORT.)CATTO

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